Name of of product	Consumption			Production				Imports		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1993-94 (Actual)	1994-95 (Actual)	1995-96 (Actual)	1996-97 (Target)	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
SSP	23.52	26.26	29.50	19.0	26.4	29.8	33.0			
Complex Ferts.	31.60	39.74	38.45	29.0	35.7	40.5	42.8			0.29
MOP	10.52	12.70	14.36					14.28*	18.48*	21.92
SOP	0.08	0.11	0.22					0.11	0.19	0.06
Rock Phosphate	1.21	1.27	1.34					0.35	-	-

*-Quantities indicated include import of fertilizers by private parties as per information available in the Dept. of Fertilizers.

Export of Rice and Wheat

4046. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for export of rice and wheat during the current year and how far it is likely to be achieved indicating the exports made during the last two years;

(b) whether Government have of late taken certain steps to boost-up exports of basmati rice and wheat; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The Govt. fixes export ceilings in respect of agricultural commodities keeping in view the size of the crop, stocks position, buffer stock norms, the price situation etc. The export ceiling for the year 1996-97 in respect of wheat is 30.0 lakh tonnes. The export of rice is freely allowed. These ceilings are subject to review. The exports made during the past two years are as under:—

(Qty. 000 tonnes value : Rs. in crores)

Item	1994-95		1995-96	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Rice (Basmati)	442.13	865.32	392.26	851.16
Rice (other than Basmati)	448.50	340.47	5120.34	3701.85
Wheat	86.63	42.34	617.21	360.90

(b) and (c) Govt. has a number of financial assistance schemes aimed at promoting exports including that of rice. Under these schemes, financial assistance is for supply of product samples for the purpose of test marketing, product information, publicity, participation in international trade fairs, assistance for setting up/strengthening of quality control activities etc.

Production of phosphate in Paradip Phosphatic Fertilizers

4047. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total productrion of phosphate